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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 627

Introduced by Assembly Member Gorell

February 20, 2013

An act to add Section 15814.45 to the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 627, as amended, Gorell. State government.

Existing law generally regulates energy conservation and efficiency in state buildings, *requires that all new public buildings in which energy costs exceed \$10,000 per year be models of energy efficiency that are designed, constructed, and equipped with all energy efficiency measures, materials, and devices that are feasible and cost-effective over the life of the building or the life of the energy efficiency measure, and requires that all existing buildings in which energy costs exceed \$10,000 per year, when renovated or remodeled, be retrofitted to meet specified standards.*

This bill would ~~state the intent of the Legislature to require a state agencies, departments, and commissions, when they are agency, department, or commission, if it is~~ evaluating the construction of a new building or facility, or the transfer or renewal of a lease for a building or facility, to consider as a top priority in making that decision whether a net-zero energy consumption building or facility, also ~~known~~ *known* as an energy-independent building or facility, can be constructed or occupied, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ *yes*. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. Section 15814.45 is added to the Government*
2 *Code, to read:*

3 *15814.45. A state agency, department, or commission, if it is*
4 *evaluating the construction of a new building or facility, or the*
5 *transfer or renewal of a lease for a building or facility, shall*
6 *consider as a top priority in making that decision whether a*
7 *net-zero energy consumption building or facility, also known as*
8 *an energy-independent building or facility, can be constructed or*
9 *occupied if that construction or occupancy can be accomplished*
10 *at or at about the same market rate as a traditional building or*
11 *facility, and the building or facility meets all of the location, size,*
12 *and logistical requirements set forth in the agency’s, department’s,*
13 *or commission’s site selection process.*

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